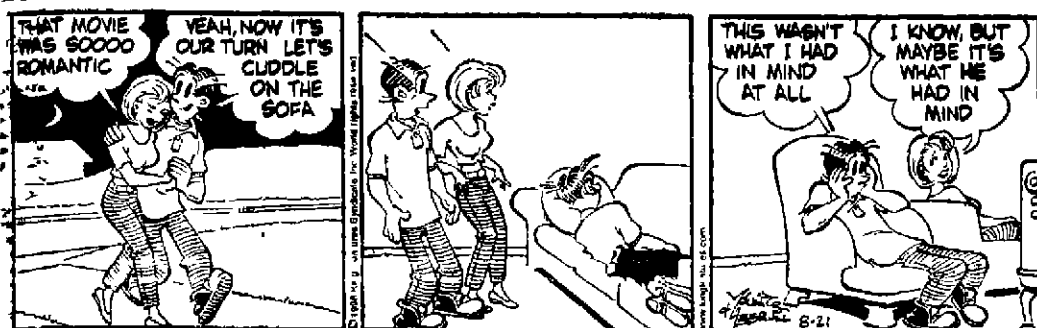


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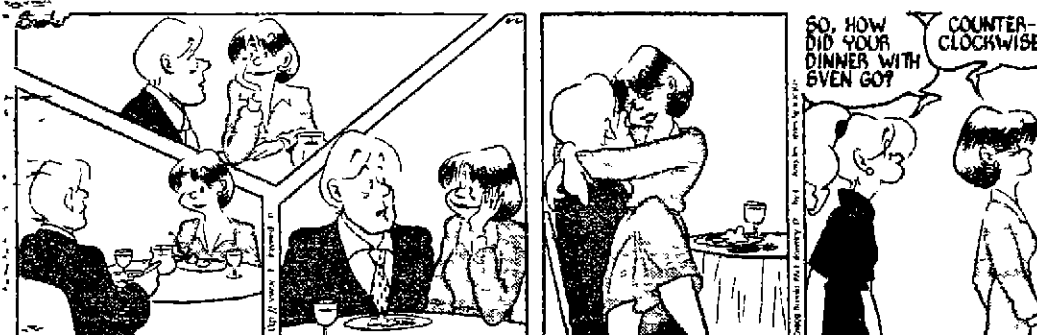
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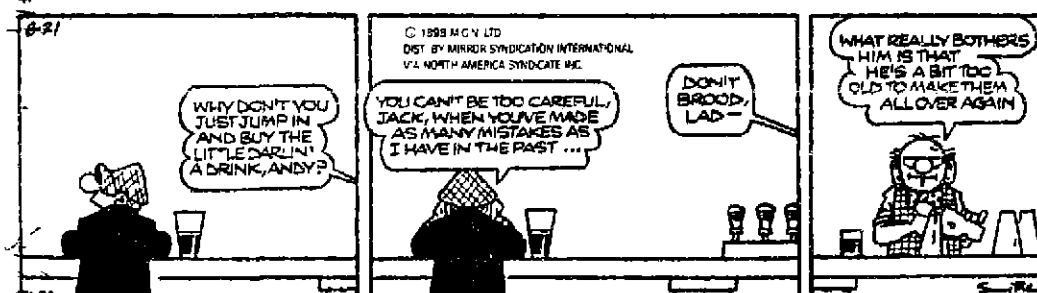
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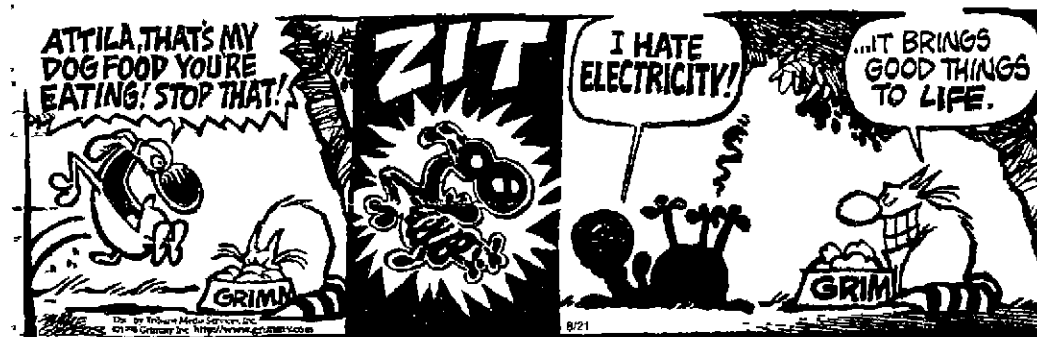
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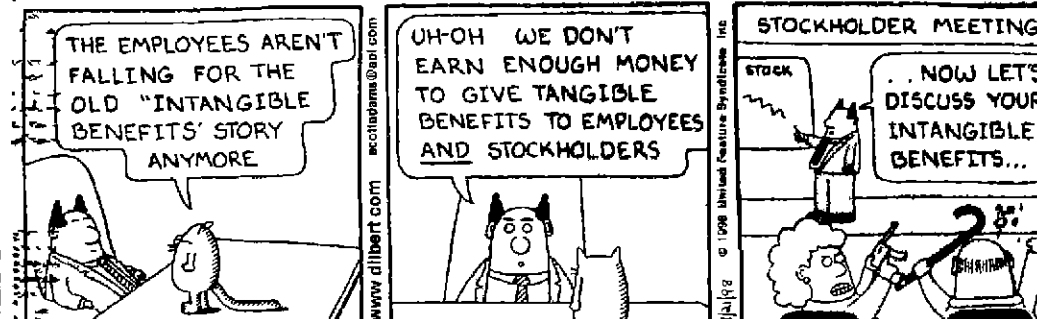
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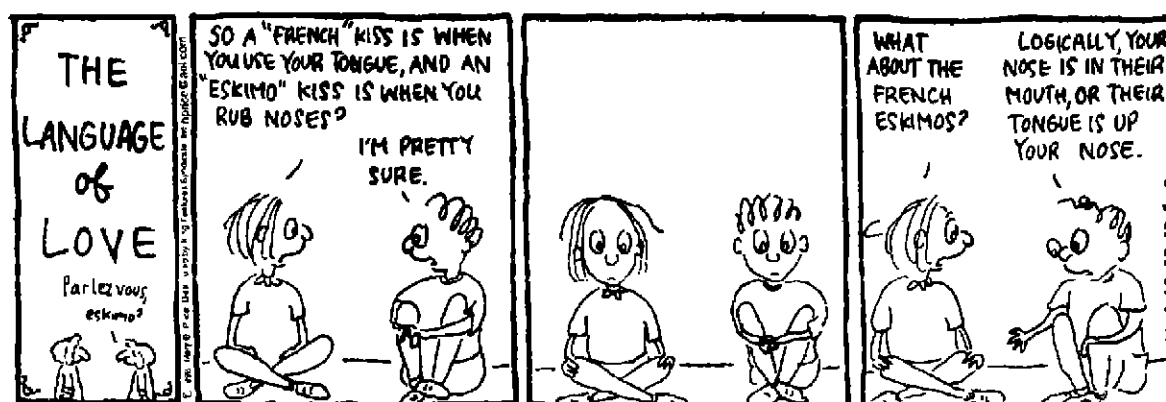
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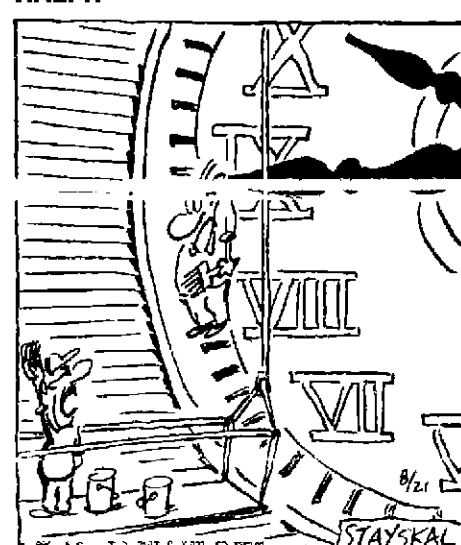
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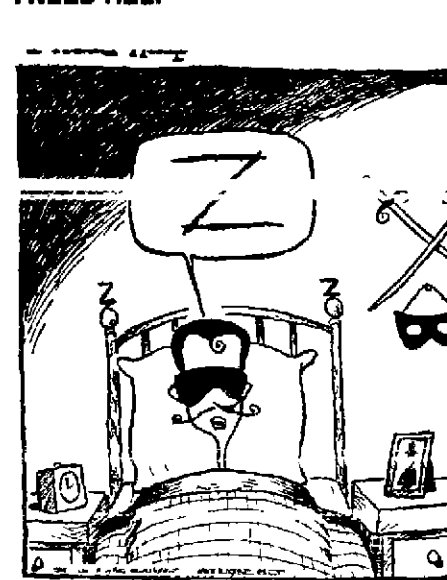
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Britain's Princess Margaret is 68
Basketball Hall-of-Famer Will Chamberlain is 82
Singer Kenny Rogers is 60
Actor Clarence Williams III is 59
Singer Jackie DeShannon is 54
Actress Patty McCormack is 53
Rock musician Joe Strummer (The Clash) is 46
Country musician Nick Kline (The Mavericks) is 44
Actress Kim Cattrall is 42
Football quarterback Jim McMahon is 39
Rock musician Liam Howlett (Prodigy) is 27

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 95-105
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 8-21-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: F, S, U, U, A, N, S (4m Letter Triple)

RACK 2: N, T, P, O, H, O, T

RACK 3: N, T, B, S, I, A, E

RACK 4: T, D, F, E, L, L, T (1st Letter Double)

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

- Station

Z V R O L H E R B X U R O L I
E B Y V S Q E N K H E B Y W T
R O L J G H E E B Y W U R P N
K I G D T G G D B G Z X V S Q
O M K A E F N N A I G E C A Y
W T E L E V I S I O N K U S Q
P W L N L J L R R K R H F E O
E O B A T T L E E O C L C C I
C A Y X V U I S W Q P A I N D
M K J T R O F M O C P H R A A
F E C E C I L O P S U B B T R

Thursday's unlisted clue: JUDGES

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Battle Filing Radio Tracking
Bus Fire Railroad Weather
College Gas Space Work
Comfort Power Television

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

A good defense requires partnership cooperation using defensive signals. Basically, when a defender plays (or discards) an unnecessarily high card, he shows interest or strength in that suit. A low card does the opposite. It does no good to signal a partner who can't use the information. Worse, it can only help the enemy. South wins his heart queen and draws two rounds of trumps. On the second trump, what should East discard? Many would signal with the club 10, sending an emphatic message about club strength. In many situations, such a signal is "out of the window." Today's example is a foolish move. Why? The bidding reveals that West is without assets, rendering such information worthless to him. The only person who can use this information is declarer, and he did so in actual play. Without East's revealing signal, South might well have led a club to dummy's king at trick four, hoping for West to have the ace. Had it been so, South would have discarded a low diamond on dummy's club king and claimed his slam. Given East's thunderous signal, South embarked on another plan. After drawing trumps, he cashed two more hearts, discarding two low clubs from dummy. Then he cashed dummy's high diamonds and led dummy's king of clubs. East won but wasn't joyful. With no safe diamond exit, he had to offer a ruff and snuff, giving South his "unmakable" slam. Moral? Don't signal partners who cannot use the information.

NORTH 08 21 A
♠ A J 7 3
♥ J
♦ A K 8 4 2
♣ K 8 3

WEST EAST
♠ 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 10 6
♣ J 9 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 6 5
♥ A K Q
♦ 9 7 3
♣ 10

Vulnerable East West
Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ All pass

Opening lead Heart 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

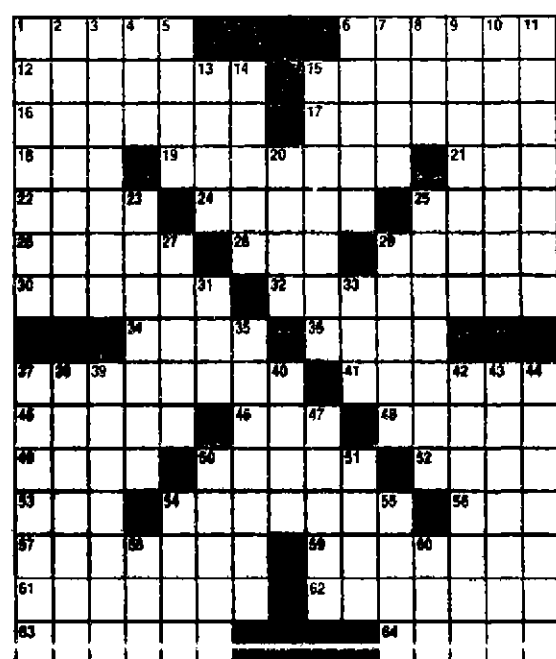
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- ACROSS
- 1 MTV alternative
8 Ice holders
12 "Talking Straight" author
13 Drop off center, of sorts
16 Hot
17 Bad
18 Gaffer Kinkie
19 "Saul and David" composer Carl
21 One might find it boring
22 Tolstoy hero
24 Typical beginning
25 Pas (gentle ballet step)
26 Carried chair
- 28 Seesaw necessity
29 Emulate Snidely Whiplash
30 Globetrot
32 Construction workers
34 Priestly robes
36 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
37 Group with the #1 album "Vitalogy"
41 Young raptor
42 Ledger line
43 M P H
46 Many times before?
48 Perry's creator
50 Part of R W E
52 One to build on?
53 Big ints in camping
- 54 Engaging
56 1950 film "Very Own"
57 Minute Maid competitor
58 The Eve of mythology
61 Arrays
62 More than sweet
63 Like a span of oxen
64 Man behind the wheel
- DOWN
- 1 One who takes a bow
2 Queen Victoria's house
3 Strains at SkyDome
4 "gloom of night"
5 Course with charts Abbr
6 Small part
7 Service break?
8 Prefix with -cide
9 Big name in cakes
10 Shrimp boat, e.g.
11 Shopkeepers
12 Kind of joint
14 Tomado sren, e.g.
15 Misrepresent
16 "Oxford Blues"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

COLD CYCLO SASH
OREO HALOS OLLA
VENTRILOQUY FOIL
ESTECMED ETUDE
OBE AMAT
OPENER BRIDGE HAND
LAX EARING COIL
ANTE ODA ORCA
YARN UNITED STP
MAGICAL TIME MICKLE

ERIC POIL
STING PIANISTE
WINDOWMANEQUIN
ARTE RAISE UNTO
DOOR YENTL EGOS



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

- 27 Literature Nobelist Sachs
29 Take a powder
31 Great Society mnt
33 Shoe store stamp
36 Pundits
37 Views furtively
- 43 Ancient land between the Amo and Tiber
44 Clothes closet accessory
47 Parkinsonism treatment
50 Got hip, with "up"
- 51 Cabus bin Said's domain
54 Race's end
56 M I T grads Abbr
58 Kipling novel
60 Bust makers, for short

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